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Possible Increase of Social Engineering and Phishing Attacks

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FYI

Subject: Civil Disturbance Potential: "Day to Denounce" on August 18, 2017

Anonymous has declared a "Day to Denounce" on August 18, 2017 encouraging people to take down confederate monuments "at all cost" anywhere one is located.

Anonymous is a decentralized hacktivist organization. They pride themselves on not being identifiable, but consisting of many members.

Anonymous has indicated they have targeted many white supremacist websites in an op called Operation Domestic Terrorism.

The rhetoric of Anonymous has become more violent in nature as they claim the blood of certain white supremacists will be spilled in retribution for the death of a citizen at the 08/12/17 Charlottesville protest.

In addition to the monument take down, localities with confederate statutes should be situationally aware the potential exists for cyber attacks involving denial of service to website and email, doxing of police officers/first responder information, and data dumps.

First Responder and Officer Safety Considerations. Encourage officers/employees to minimize online footprints and social media presence. Specifically, personal information and information related to their affiliation with the department should probably be removed.

Inform employees of social engineering. Advise them not to give out information to persons they do not know about schedules or personal information.

Be aware of phishing emails. If in doubt about an email, do not click on links or attachments. Contact the person with a number known to you (not provided in the email) to confirm the email's legitimacy.

Inform IT employees to be aware of any anomalies they observe in their networks on August 18th.

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